

Kids' Art Crawlers

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Grades K through 6

Students begin by sketching a scene, picture, or idea, which would be enhanced by locomotion. The sketch is transferred onto the clean sides of 3 or 4 cardboard boxes which have been opened flat, and taped together end to end (tape to the printed sides of the boxes). The transferred sketches are then painted and artistically elaborated. The edges of the boxes are cut and shaped in a manner, which enhances the theme of the art work. When dry and finished, the painting is bent backwards into a loop, and taped end to end with duct tape. The artists kneel down and crawl into the painted cardboard loop; and bring it to life by crawling (!) as a rolling, repeating, painting, or a "Kids' Art Crawler".

Kids' Art Crawlers have been used to highlight portions of student plays, parades, and "half time" during basket ball games. Really large cardboard boxes, such as those that automobile wind-shields are shipped in allow for many kids to fit within and act as engines. There have even been relay races run with Kids' Art Crawlers, just for the fun of it!



Kids Art Crawlers, Rolling Down Main Street, Jerome, Arizona.